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Greetings:

It is not in the public interest to constrain further the creativity and innovation of Microsoft designers and software engineers with additional, legally complex conditions. The remedies already provided by the settlement provisions construct an edifice of legal reasoning and arcane subtleties that will require software developers to get a law degree to cut through this Byzantine complexity. Endless meetings and explanations between lawyers and engineers, not new products, are what will result.

When Attorney General Janet Reno proclaimed her enthusiastic anticipation of the new varieties of DOS engendered by enforcement of antitrust laws, one could only groan in disbelief at her failure to understand how progress in the systems business thrives. In retrospect we find no new varieties of DOS but find that it has almost disappeared.

With Microsoft the consumer is benefited by a culture of excellence that its competitors are unable to match. We need the robust organization of Microsoft to keep its competitors on their toes. An added onset of *elegantia juris* will only stifle further the creative minds that generate the innovation we need to keep the U.S. economy thriving with new functions and features to empower consumers.

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